



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation**

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

11:15 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

Also Present: Sims (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Silvestri asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

No public speakers

[19-6759](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/22/2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve 19-6759. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to convene executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

The Committee met in Executive Session

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to reconvene regular session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

19-6671

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: Shakman Compliance Officers Quarterly Update

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to receive and file 19-6671. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

19-6676

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Civil Rights Section

October 16, 2019 - November 7, 2019

Conflicts Counsel Unit

July 28, 2019 - October 25, 2019

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6676. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

19-6706

SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL

Prince v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 18 C 2952

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Kenneth M. Battle and the firm
of O'Connor & Battle, LLP.

Tab Item No. 1

Velez v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 18 C 8144

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Kenneth M. Battle and the firm
of O'Connor & Battle, LLP.

Tab Item No. 2

Gray v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 18 C 2624

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Kenneth M. Battle and the firm
of O'Connor & Battle, LLP.

Tab Item No. 3

Brown v. Cook County, et al.

Case No. 17 C 8085

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Michael W. Condon and the firm
of Hervas, Condon & Bersani, P.C.

Tab Item No. 4

Bless v. Cook County, et al.

Case No. 13 C 4271

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Burton S. Odelson and
the firm of Odelson Sterk, LTD.

Tab Item No. 5

Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8085

Howard, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8146

Diana Caloca v. Cook County , et al., 17 C 9056

Madeline Ramos Cook County, et al., 18 C 00274

Falguni Dave v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 2949

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Christina M. Egan and
the firm of McGuire Woods, LLP.

Tab Item No. 6

DeLeon-Reyes v. Rey Guevara, et al.

Case No. 18 C 1028

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 7

People v. Vernon Lauderdale

Case No. 08 CR 14331

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 8

Lefkowitz v. S. Justin Brown, et al.

Case No. 18 L 12474

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 9

Garduno v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 18 L 6752

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 10

Illinois v. Grambling

Case No. 18-003100

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 11

Illinois v. Weston

Case No. 90 CR 16376 & 91 CR 640

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 12

Administration of the Electronic Monitoring Program, and

Taphia Williams v. Cook County, et al.

Case No. 18 C 1456

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 13

Stewart Title Guaranty Company v. Nicholas Grapsas, et al.

Case No. 2015 L 4520 and 2012 P 3203

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John H. Scheid, Jr. and the
firm of Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered.

Tab Item No. 14

Robert Garduno v. County of Cook and City of Chicago

Case No. 2015 L 4520 and 2012 P 3203

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John H. Scheid, Jr. and the
firm of Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered.

Tab Item No. 15

Shakman v. Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

Case No: 69 C 2145

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Jeffrey S. Fowler and the
firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

Tab Item No. 16

Derrick Williams v. Village of Calumet Park, et al.

Case No. 15 C 5198

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney Robert R. Cohen and
the firm of Frankel & Cohen, LLP.

Tab Item No. 17

Squeo, Anthony v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Case No. 18 CH 12385

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 18

Shyne, Martenia v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Case No. 19 CH 12385

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 19

Shaffer v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 18 CH 15653

Jackson v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 18 CH 14378

Garrett-Williams v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 19 CH 840

Bridges v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 18 CH 15535

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 20

Beauchamp, Marquis v. Thomas Dart.

Case No. 19 CH 8869

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 21

Sheppard, David v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Case No. 19 C 296

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 22

Beltran, David F. v. Thomas J. Dart

Case No. 19 CH 9268

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 23

Percy, Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.

Case No. 13 C 1856, 15 C 5919

Case No. 14 L 6617

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and the firm
of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 24

Stephanie Zugschwert v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Case No. 17 L 10368

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and
the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 25

Lanahan v. Blanchard, et al.

Case No: 16 C 11723

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Brette Bensinger and the
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

Tab Item No. 26

County of Cook v. Wells Fargo & Co., et al.

Case No. 14 C 9548

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and
the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 27

Hartison v. Sheriff of Cook County

Case No. 18 L 3398

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 28

Zaborowski, et al. v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Case No. 08 C 6946

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 29

Percy Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.

Case No. 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919

Case No. 16 CH 4127

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 30

Sorrentino-Berger v. Murphy, et al.

Case No: 18 L 1927

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item No. 31

Reyes v. Sgt. Hiessen, et al.

Case No: 18 C 330

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item A

Lukasik, et al. v. Thomas Nortman, et al., 18 L 10893

Loveless v. Thomas Nortman, et al., 18 L 13585

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item B

Strickland v. Dart, et al.

Case No: 19 C 2621

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC

Tab Item C

Johnson v. Brown, et al., 17 C 6249

Johnson v. Taylor, et al., 18 C 5263

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item D

Melongo v. Podlasek, et al.

Case No: 13 C 4924

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item E

Castro, et al. v. Dart, et al.

Case No: 19 C 0471

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item F

Patricia Hicks v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

*Jasmin McBride and Lorenzo Smith v. Cook County
Sheriff's Office, et al.*

Case No. 15 C 6852 and 17 C 4951

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

Tab Item G

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve
19-6706. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6677](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Azavar v. Cook County Threatened Litigation*

Case Number: (Pre-litigation)

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6677. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6678](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Michael Parish, et al. v. Dart*

Case Number: 07 C 4369

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6678. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6679](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Gustavo Cortes v. Cook County, et al.*

Case Number: 17 L 8757

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6679. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6683](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Mixan, Cory v. Dr. Evan Greenbaum, et al.*

Case Number: 19 C 5399

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6683. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6687](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Antoine Palton (Est. Deborah Ann Palton) vs. Cook County, et al.*

Case Number: 17 L 3834

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6687. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6688](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Jariah Richardson, a minor by her Guardian Devon Bank and Nichole Moore, Individually v. County of Cook, et al.*

Case Number: 17 L 3439

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6688. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6692](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Cases related to Percy Taylor v. Dart*

Case Number: 2017 IL App (1st) 143684-B

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6692. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6696](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Garduno v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case Number: 17 L 3834

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6696. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6700](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *State of New York, et al. v. United States Dep’t of Health and Human Serv., et al*

Case Number: 19 C 4676

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6700. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6701](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State’s Attorney’s Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: Report on Outside Counsel Invoices

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6701. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6705](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State’s Attorney’s Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: Appointment of Outside Counsel

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to

receive and file 19-6705. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

19-6814

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: *Cook County v. Purdue Pharma, et al.*

Case Number: 17 L. 13180

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6814. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

ADJOURNMENT

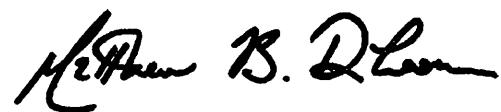
A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.